GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING
LOK SABHA

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MEETING OF STATE INFORMATION MINISTERS
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Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether a meeting of State Information Ministers was held recently in New Delhi;

(b) if so, the details of the discussion held and decisions arrived thereat;

(c) whether any discussion regarding cable TV operators has been discussed in the meeting; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the decision taken in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SMT. SUSHMA SWARAJ)

(a) Yes, Sir. On 7th November 2001 Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce & Industryorganized a meeting of the State Information Ministers in New Delhi.

(b) to (d): The meeting was organized as an Industry -Government interface whereindustry was given an opportunity to raise issues of concern before Information ministers of States. Presentations were made on the following issues:-

(i) Uniform Entertainment Tax for Films

(ii) Uniform Entertainment Tax for Cable Industry

(iii) Organized Exhibition Infrastructure & Computerized Ticketing

(iv) Sales Tax for Music Industry

(v) Curbing Piracy for Music Industry

(vi) Curbing Piracy for FilmsThis meeting was not a forum to take on-the-spot decisions.